

A PAGE FOR WOMEN AND THEIR INTERESTS

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"BIG SISTER" MOVEMENT REACHES HONOLULU; STRONG EFFORTS WILL BE MADE ON BEHALF OF GIRLS

The Big Sister movement which is comparatively new on the mainland, and which is a distinct novelty in Honolulu, was given considerable impetus at a meeting of the Woman's Society of Central Union church at the home of Mrs. C. H. Atherton on King street Thursday afternoon. The meeting was addressed by Miss Maynard, who, as local probation officer and resident nurse at the Girl's Industrial Home, is in a position to feel keenly the need of the help of good women in rescuing girls from lives of shame which in many instances have been thrust upon them.

The College Club, through whose agitation and the interest of certain prominent legislators, the office of probation officer was created, has taken the initiative in the Big Sister Movement and the Woman's Society is the next to evince an interest in the work. Mrs. Frear, wife of Judge W. L. Whitney, and Mrs. H. E. Hendrick, former president of the College Club, are prominent members of that organization who are the leading spirits in the new movement. That they mean to carry the matter through, and will seek to do all in their power to advance the work in this city, is proven by the fact that several members of the College Club have expressed a desire to be a "Big Sister" with all that the name implies.

Miss Maynard began her work as probation officer for girls the first of last July. She is the first paid officer to work in this Territory. Prior to 1905 there was no probation officer here. The Dickey bill, put through in that year, made the necessary provision, however, and in 1907 another victory was gained in the provision for the trial of juvenile cases in special chambers. The act for the prevention of cruelty to children, the indeterminate sentence and the curfew law were also put through in that year. In 1909 juveniles were transferred from the Police Court to a Circuit Court, thus creating a separate juvenile court. The provision for paid juvenile officers followed this year.

Miss Maynard, who was formerly head nurse at the Palama Hospital, and prior to coming here, worked in the Henry Street district in New York city, yesterday told of a number of pitiable cases that had come under her supervision during the past two months. They were stories of crime and suffering of such awfulness as to be almost unbelievable, and much keen interest was awakened among the women who heard them. In many instances, Miss Maynard stated, the parents were as much to blame as the girls, and in several instances the mothers were wholly at fault.

In the past two months thirty-four cases of children under eighteen years of age have come up in the juvenile court. Five of these have been committed, and the others turned over to the probation officer for further consideration. Twenty-one of these have been paroled. Miss Maynard's duties, she stated, included visits to the homes of her charges, and they, in turn must report to her. A partial review of the work was given by Miss Maynard at the meeting in order that the members of the society might appreciate fully the need for the Big Sister work here.

The Big Sister work will follow in all essential details the organization of the Big Brothers, which was established here first. The following suggestions, for the use and guidance of the Big Brothers of the Church Council of the Diocese of Honolulu, are taken from a leaflet issued by the Executive Council of the Big Brother Movement, 1 Madison avenue, New York, and were declared by Miss Maynard to be equally apropos for the Big Sisters. The only essential changes, she declared, would be in the matter of recreation, that of the girl naturally differing.

1. Call on the boy in his home.
2. Get acquainted with his father and mother.
3. See what can be done to improve his home conditions.
4. Do not give financial aid except in extreme cases.
5. See the boy's teacher.
6. If he is not at school or at work, the first thing to do is to get him back into school if possible.
7. If the family needs his help, get him a job at some work in good surroundings.
8. Find out where the boy spends his evenings.
9. Have your physician look the boy over. Adequate and malnutrition are frequent explanations of perversity in the boy.
10. Bring him around to one of the boys' gymnasiums.
11. Invite him to your home and

12. Invite him to call on you at your office or place of business.
13. Be interested in a boy's interests.
14. Take him to a ball game with you.
15. Take him to a concert or a good, clean show.
16. Don't patronize; you may know more about virtue, but the boy is a better expert on temptation.
17. Find out whether he attends Sunday school or church.
18. Prove your point of view.
19. Discover the boy's chief interests.
20. Find something for him to do in which you can arouse his interest.
21. Try to encourage the habit of reading.
22. Get him to assume some responsibility.
23. Get him to write to you once in a while.
24. Above all, remember that you are a Big Brother, that you were once a boy, and be patient.
25. Just one thing more: Report regularly to the chairman of the committee and notify him of the arrangement you make for "Big Brothering" the boy in case of your absence from the city for any length of time.
26. Do it now. Now is the critical time, when the boy needs help.
27. If you believe that a boy in the open is better than a boy in jail, you are in sympathy with the Big Brothers. If you believe that a boy unaided cannot overcome the tendency of unfortunate environment or be happy and good without any of the things that make happiness and goodness, you concur in the Big Brother Platform. If you are willing yourself to help a boy, Rev. Leopold Kroll, chairman of the Big Brother Committee, can supply the very boy who needs you to brother him a little, to give him some fun, to show him how to be manly, to take some of life's handicap off his underfed body and undeveloped mind.

Contrary to the prevalent idea that to be a Big Sister one must offer financial help, the principals of the organization call chiefly for friendly interest and a desire to give some girl whose environment have made her an unfortunate, a good, wholesome, healthy time, thereby instilling in her a desire for right living. Furthermore, it does not mean that you shall take that girl into your home. It does mean, however, that you shall go to see her occasionally, take her for an auto ride, perhaps, to the seashore or theater—in short, to be her particular friend. Condescension of whatever nature should be carefully avoided.

Miss Maynard is particularly anxious that the Big Sister Movement should not become a fad in Honolulu. She says she would rather have five or six good, conscientious women take up the work with a view to carrying it on permanently, than several hundred who might wish to drop it in time.

"The people who thank the Lord that they are not as other people have no place in this work," said Miss Maynard. "A number of society girls have said how perfectly lovely it would be to engage in this work and have gushed over it considerably, but not one has come to me and said, 'My automobile will be at your service between such and such hours on Saturday,' or 'Is there some one I can take out to the beach with me this afternoon?'"

However, there does seem to be a number of women who are genuinely interested in the work, and although no names were taken at the meeting yesterday, Miss Maynard preferring that they think the matter over carefully before making any promises, it is expected that some definite steps will be taken at the regular monthly meeting of the society in October.

Fashionable hotels of Philadelphia have been forced to post notices that hereafter "souvenir hunters" would be prosecuted for either petty or grand larceny, according to the value of the hotel belongings they managed to carry from the dining and bedrooms, say press reports.

Among the hotels are the Bellevue-Stratford, the Walton, the Rittenhouse, the Majestic and the St. James. The posting of the notices comes as an aftermath of complaints of the waiters, who heretofore have been forced to pay for cutlery, dishes, napkins, etc., which were charged to them when they left the kitchen and which were not returned. These charges became so heavy on the waiters that they refused to continue at work if longer held responsible for the thefts.

Honolulu Girl, Nun, Is Back To Labor For Good

Sister Adelaida Home After Training Abroad



SISTER ADELAIDA

TRAVELING all the way from France in company with two Sacred Heart Convent Sisters, Sister Adelaida, who arrived in Honolulu last week, had many novel experiences, numbered among which were arguments with the customs officers in New York concerning her nationality. Much to the amusement of Sister Adelaida, these high and mighty insisted that she was a Japanese, in spite of her declarations to the contrary.

The novelty of the idea of a Chinese nun caused the New Yorkers to gasp with astonishment and everywhere Sister Adelaida went she was greeted by a curious throng. One newspaper under scare-headlines proclaimed her "a real princess of royal blood," substantiating their assertion by the declaration that her mother, a princess, only two steps removed from the Hawaiian throne, married Wong Leong, a wealthy Chinese. The daughter, it was declared, was regarded in Hawaii as a great beauty, was a talented musician, and spoke eight languages.

As a matter of fact, Sister Adelaida is a linguist of no mean ability, although her versatility is confined to four languages instead of eight. She speaks Chinese, Hawaiian, English and French, a mastery of the latter having been gained during her stay in France.

Sister Adelaida has returned to Honolulu for the purpose of entering the Sacred Heart Convent as a teacher of music, and although her preparations for a secluded and pious life were of a decidedly strict nature, she did not deny herself a sight-seeing tour of Paris, and with her feminine instincts keenly awake, was impressed with the beauty of the gay

metropolis. En route she also spent some time in London, but declared after her arrival here that it could in no way compare with Paris.

Before beginning the long trip to the South Sea Islands Sister Adelaida visited the convent in New Haven, Conn. She made the trip to San Francisco by the Southern route.

Sister Adelaida is thirty-two years of age and has consecrated the remainder of her life to the local convent. She will teach piano, violin and voice. She was born in Honolulu and many of her girlhood friends have watched with interest the rapid strides she has made in the world of music.

Dr. Wong Leong is a brother of the young woman, and although he expected her to be his guest for a time after her arrival in Honolulu, she waived the pleasures of a reunion and went to the convent immediately upon leaving the ship.

TRIAL COURTSHIP PLAN NEWEST IN THE EAST

Trial courtship—a variety of wooing which allows for the bridegroom-to-be a three days' period of boarding at the home of his sweetheart, during which time he samples her cooking and tests her disposition to make sure that his married life will be a success—is not a novelty that Honolulu wants. The scheme, the latest pet notion of the little village of Elsie, Ill., near East St. Louis, is reported in news dispatches to have been proven a great success when two sweethearts there clinched their decisions to become man and wife after the preliminary courtship at the home of the bride's mother.

Here is the way things went down in the village of Elsie, according to one dispatch:

"Last Saturday the bridegroom-to-be took up his abode with his fiancée and watched her methods of keeping house, sampled her cooking, studied her ways and tried to find if her personality was such as would make him a good wife. At the same time she tried his disposition, tested his patience, observed his manners and endeavored to find if the affection she expected him to express would be true and lasting."

"The man was Wilson D. Sherman of Williamsport, Pa., and the woman Miss Maud Sherman of Elsie. He is 35 years old and she is 30. Their acquaintance began two years ago, when they began to correspond after learning each other's names in a matrimonial journal."

"Miss Sherman does not deny she took a little more than ordinary pains to see that Wilson's beefsteaks and pie were a little above the ordinary run. Once she purposely delayed a meal to see whether he would become nervous or uneasy, but he only smiled and said supper would taste all the better when it came. So things went along smoothly for three days in the Elsie household. Now

if the bachelor who is invited so often to partake of cozy home dinners knew how much appreciated a bunch of roses or other flowers would be by the hostess, certainly he would do the graceful, art officer. When the hostess' husband suggests that he would like to bring "Tom" home to dinner, she usually falls in with the plan because she thinks by so doing she is pleasing her husband. She arranges the details without any deep show of interest, for bachelor friends have come and departed many times without any apparent thought for her other than that the viands were good, or the home atmosphere pleasant. She has stopped considering them realities in life.

But if one thoughtful soul arises to break the monotony by a real thought for her personally, and expresses it in this sweet way it is more than likely he will be invited again, and maybe he will be asked to name some of his favorite dishes for his future consumption.

Of all the dresses made for wear at fashionable seaside resorts, or for country house visiting, the designs in white nylon or mousseline with broderie Anglaise decorations and touches of black velvet are the daintiest, says the New York Telegram. The heavy velvet allied to the cobweb texture of the nylon, with its wide openwork embroidery, is the daintiest combination imaginable, and when the hat, too, is white, with waving black plumes and velvet streamers, the toilette is charming.

One gown of this type has a deep double of broderie Anglaise running up to the knees to meet a tunic of Valenciennes and nylon arranged in and a baby bodice made with long sleeves of Valenciennes to the wrists. Between the shoulders across the back there is a huge bow of Liberty satin with streamer ends falling down to the hem, the ends being bordered with black velvet. Folds of black velvet run around the waist, and the hat of black velvet in picture style has a wreath of white satin roses.

The black and white vogue is extended to all kinds of materials. Dresses in white charmeuse are clasped up the side with panels of black velvet; buttons and facings of black velvet finish coats and skirts of white cloth or linen; while white dresses for the evening are trimmed in one way or another with black satin, velvet or tulle.

The newest cocktail shakers have the two lips and the top screws to close them. The usual size is for eight cocktails.

Don't miss Jordan's 3-days special on silk on Monday.

FEMININE CHAT

The fichu drapey which is shown so extensively in the latest style books, bids fair to become a craze here in Honolulu. One enterprising firm has laid in a bewildering array of detachable fichus. When they are added to an old gown a new and smart effect is obtained.

Ball fringe for dress trimmings has but recently come into vogue on the mainland. Anticipating a craze for novelties of this sort, a local firm laid in a goodly supply. The crocheted balls which the lot includes, are distinctly new and exceptionally attractive for tub dresses. The fringe is fashioned of coarse crocheted cotton and washes beautifully. One attractive pattern has a beading finish.

It really should be said as a matter of congratulation to the women of Honolulu that members of the feminine sex were conspicuous by their absence in the crowd which watched the hypnotic sleeper several days this week. Such morbid curiosity may be excusable in a man—things generally are—but in a woman—never!

Himalaya cloth, which of recent years is so widely advertised for dress materials, is shown in distinctly new patterns for Fall. A local firm is displaying a new shipment in a variety of colors—Copenhagen blue, rose pink, bottle green and mauve, each having a harmonizing border of oriental design. This description is inadequate—it sounds tawdry where as the effect is really artistic. The material is primarily for frocks and coats—but a clever imitation of rajah silk—it would make very attractive curtains. The color selected should harmonize with the general tone of the room of course.

A local woman who returned from the east during the past week, tells me that the newest shades in New York are orange, dark purple, bordering on the plum, and barbitic blues and reds. They are a bit hard on the complexion, she says, but are worn alike by blondes and brunettes. As she was assisting with the selection of a bride's trousseau she had ample opportunity to see a varied selection.

Freely from the fear of being called "tomboys," many girls are beginning to enjoy the games that used to be the sole property of their brothers. A tomboy has come to mean a healthy, active girl, instead of a noisy hoyden. The tomboy grows up to be a strong, athletic maiden who is not afraid of a long walk or row or swim and who feels that to be pale is not necessarily to be interesting. So girls that are happily tomboys will doubtless look over the list of boys' games and pick out those that are adaptable to their purposes.

But there are pastimes which are more especially for girls. Among these is "whirlpool." This game may be played by any large number—the more the merrier. All the players join hands firmly, for those that are loosely clasped will mean a weak link in the chain. The girl who is captain makes the line hippy-hop in to a big circle, then she leads her followers inside the line, describing smaller and smaller circles. When she arrives at center the chain will be coiled up like a snake. Then she brings them back to a straight line simply by turning around and hippy-hopping out.

In "catch as catch can" a large number may play also. On opposite sides of the field there are homes or goals; between these places half of the players stand in a line with their hands joined; the others are at one of the goals. One of those on home shouts "Catch as catch can!" and all those on the goal must run at once for the other side. The center line tries to form a circle about as many of their opponents as possible; all that are caught in the ring must then assist in catching the rest. It would appear difficult for the last two or three players to evade the circle, but in reality it is easy, because the center line becomes too long and unwieldy to gather its forces with rapidity.

Other enjoyable school yard diversions for girls are pass ball, skipping rope games and jacks. "Knock at the door," "pigs in the pen," "around the moon," "hard nineties" and other plays are well known to "jack" devotees. "Through the hoop" is a leap with her left thumb and forefinger and drops the jacks through the aperture. "Vault the fence" is another figure. The right hand placed at right angles to the floor is used as a fence and over this the jacks are dropped.

The boys' schoolyard games divide up into running and ball games. Running games, like "pam, pam, pull away," "prisoners' base" and "chase

VIGOROUS GAMES FOR THE SCHOOL-YARD

Care-free vacation days are over, and whether the youngsters are glad or sorry they find themselves back in the school rooms in the midst of manual training, the construction work and the books they left behind them last June. For a time at least until their restless natures become accustomed to the lack of continual activity, the hours in the school room are going to seem long—so long in fact that their little backs will ache and in imagination at least, they will fairly gasp for the cool and invigorating breeze that makes the back-yard such a comfortable playground.

It is a wise teacher who realizes these besetting trials of the first few weeks and arranges as much exercise as possible. I don't know how it is here on the islands, but on the mainland the teachers are required of recent years to look after the playtime of the children quite as much as the study time. They accompany their charges to the recreation grounds and superintendent the sports, entering into the games with as much zest as the children themselves. They rebelled at first, averting that the recess hour should be a time for the teachers to relax, but gradually they have come to look at the innovation in the light of a physical benefit, and many of those who are perfectly frank both with themselves and the superintendents declare that the new system is a decided improvement over the old.

After a quiet session at their desks, children want exciting, vigorous, running games for recess time. Such games cause them to glow with health and dispel the stupid feeling provoked by an ill-ventilated room. Except in rainy or very windy days it is much wiser to play outside, instead of in a stuffy basement or other recreation room. Teachers are always glad to see strenuous games in progress at recess for it means that their pupils will not be as restless when they troop back as when they marched out.

Butter the size of an egg usually means one ounce. Four tablespoonsful of a liquid constitute a wineglassful. Twenty minutes is required to boil properly spaghetti or macaroni. A good beverage time to allow for baking a loaf cake is an hour to an hour and a half, according to size. In boiling chicken, fifteen minutes should be allowed to the pound. Broiled chicken requires fifteen to twenty minutes. The preserving pan of the housewife's pride is, of course, of polished brass, but an enameled or aluminum pan may be used. Under normal conditions it requires three hours for broiled beefsteak to digest. Boiled rice requires only an hour for digestion, while fresh milk takes two hours and fifteen minutes. Spanish toast recalls in flavoring a Spanish omelet. Cut up two or three green peppers and one or two slices of onion, add a couple of thick canned or fresh tomato. Simmer the mixture till smooth and pour it over buttered toast.

The simplest way of putting away household jam is to fill it at once into clean jars, then to cover it while boiling hot with a thin paper immediately over it and a parchment paper over the jar. If the jam is allowed to get cold before it is covered the inner paper should be dipped in whiskey. Remember that in fruit preserving it is not only the cooking, it is the keeping also that is important. Therefore the jars in which jams or jellies are put away must be absolutely dry and they must be quite air tight when covered. Special covered jars are now sold to secure the keeping out of the air, but the old fashioned cork can do the same thing quite successfully by careful "papering."

HAMMERED BRASS. In one of the small Japanese shops they are selling hammered brass tea pots at 80 cents. They will hold probably four good sized cups. Cream butter color and pale sea green are effectively used in combination with white voiles and marquisettes. Bases seem to be gaining ground and they are seen on all sorts of costumes and in a great variety of forms. Laces in white and purple are used to form entire crowns on large hats. They also fashion the laces at the side. From the hat to the boots, all types of dresses and their accessories, stripes have an almost paramount hold.

Rev. George Irwin, D. D., former superintendent of public instruction of Oregon, died at Seattle, aged seventy-eight years.